

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE  6 January 1955	2. LOCATION  Bradenton, Florida	12. CONCLUSIONS  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 2000 EST  GMT 07/0100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar  <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE  Military (3)	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  10 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS  one	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Light emitted from dark object at approximately 800-100 feet altitude. During 10 second observation two other blinding flashes were emitted from object. Object was intensely bright.	11. COMMENTS  Possible meteor.	

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B/L, DO #7, MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Florida, 24-0-, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object

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HEADQUARTERS 5TH DISTRICT OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 25 January 1955

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

Forwarded.

*Johnson, (Signature)*

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ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.  
Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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7th COMINT DISTRICT (C) USAF  
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

19 January 1955

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

TO: Commander  
MacDill AFB, Florida  
ATTN: Provost Marshal

"Observation of the unknown, untraced, or unidentified flying objects, or any other objects which may be observed in the sky, is not to be considered as a violation of AFM 205-1. The command is directed to advise the Commandant of the USAF that the observation of such objects will be considered as a violation of AFM 205-1."

1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your Command on 6 January 1955, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your Command with instructions outlined in paragraph 7, AFM 205-1.

2. At approximately 2045 hours, 6 January 1955, this office was telephonically informed by 1/2C KEITH BRAKINS, of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, that he and two other airmen, 1/2C BOB ROBERTS and 1/2C CLYDE ROBERTS, also of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, had observed an object in the air, south of Bradenton, Florida, which they were unable to identify. BRAKINS reported that, on 6 January 1955, at approximately 2000 hours, as he and the other two airmen were driving north on U.S. Highway 41, two to three miles south of Bradenton, Florida, one of the other airmen called his attention to a light emitted from a dark object which appeared to be at an altitude of 800 to 1000 feet, approximately 1500 feet west of the highway on which they were driving. BRAKINS added that during the ten seconds in which this dark object was visible, two other blinding flashes of light were emitted from it. He explained that the object itself was black and, in size, he estimated that a nickel held at arm's length would have covered the circular object. He further explained that the light emitted by this object was so intense as to illuminate the entire area, the automobile, and the highway, and that it reminded him of the illumination of a photoflash bulb or shortcircuiting high-tension lines. BRAKINS further stated that the atmosphere was clear, that the moon was bright, and that stars were also visible, but that this object was, in his opinion, no star and certainly was not the moon. BRAKINS also advised that he had made a similar report to the Florida Highway Patrol, near Bradenton, Florida, immediately following the sighting of the unidentified object.

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3. This information was furnished verbally to Lt Colonel William H. S. [REDACTED], Adjutant, 107th Air Base Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, on 6 January 1955.

cc: Mr. ASI  
AFIC, Wright-Patterson  
AFB, O. AFM: AFM-2G  
(thru DO 45)

JAMES M. POWERS  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

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